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SUBJ: MARRIAGE FRAUD RING IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

1. CONGEN HAS BROKEN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A LARGE RING OPERATING
IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS ARRANGING FRAUDULENT MARRIAGES BY U.S.
CITIZENS TO MALE MEXICANS NATIONALS. TO DATE WE HAVE IDENTIFIED FOUR
PROVEN MARRIAGE FRAUDS INSTIGATED BY THIS RING AND HAVE THREE IV
APPLICATIONS PENDING.

2. COMMON DENOMINATOR IN ALL CASES IS THAT SUBJECTS WERE BORN AND/OR
RESIDE IN MOROLEON, GUANAJUATO, MEXICO. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE
K VISA ISSUED BY MEXICO CITY, THE PATTERN HAS BEEN THAT A CONTACT
IN MOROLEON ARRANGES FOR MEXICAN MALES TO GO TO MATAMOROS, MAKE
CONTACT WITH THE USC MARRIAGE ARRANGER, AND PAY HIM 500 DOLLARS.
THE USC MARRIAGE ARRANGER THEN TELLS THE MEXICAN TO MEET HIM IN
BROWNSVILLE AT A SPECIFIED PLACE AND TIME. AT THE MEETING POINT,
THE MEXICAN IS INTRODUCED TO HIS "WIFE", THEY GO TO A JUSTICE OF
THE PEACE IN BROWNSVILLE, ARE MARRIED, AND THE MEXICAN NEVER SEES
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HIS "WIFE" AGAIN. THE "WIFE" THEN FILES AN I-130 PETITION AND THE

MEXICAN APPLICANT IS ON HIS OWN.

3. THIS RING HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE AT LEAST MAY 1973 AND PROBABLY EARLIER. SOME CARE HAS BEEN TAKEN TO USE DIFFERENT J.P.'S IN BROWNSVILLE, DIFFERENT NOTARIES TO VERIFY THE PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE, AND ENSURE THAT THE "WIFE" IS FREE TO MARRY AND APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AGE AS HER HUSBAND. WE SUSPECT THAT BOTH MEXICO CITY AND GUADALAJARA HAVE PENDING APPLICATION AND HAVE ISSUED IMMIGRANT VISAS TO CLIENTS OF THIS RING SINCE THEY HANDLE MOST APPLICANTS FROM GUANAJUATO.

4. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE ARRANGERS IN MOROLEON AND BROWNSVILLE. USINS MONTERREY IS CURRENTLY COORDINATING PLANS WITH INS OFFICES IN HARLIGEN, TEXAS, MEXICO CITY, AND GUADALAJARA TO APPREHEND AND PROSECUTE THE PRINCIPALS OF THE RING AND WILL COMMUNICATE FURTHER DETAILS.

5. SUGGEST EMBASSY AND CONSULATES EXERCISE CAUTION WITH ALL IV VISA APPLICANTS FROM MOROLEON, GUANAJUATO, PARTICULARLY IF APPLICATION IS BASED ON MARRIAGE IN BROWNSVILLE AND K PETITIONS WHEN THE BENEFICIARY RESIDES IN MOROLEON, GUANAJUATO.

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